



	Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes - Western May 26, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Chesapeake Community College	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions/Follow-up
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a RAC Capacity Building Session on June 10, 2009 10a.m.-2:00p.m. at Chesapeake Community College and June 11, 2009 4:30p.m.-8p.m. at the Radisson Cross Keys. The Center for HIV Care Services is holding a statewide meeting on June 2, 2009 in Hunt Valley. Contact Glenn Clark for more information. There will be an AIDS benefit at the Deer Park Lodge on 6/26/09. On 6/27/09 there is 5K AIDS walk in Frederick. There will be HIV testing available. Contact Debbie Anne for more information. John Gerwig of Johns Hopkins noted that there is a new ATCG drug trial opening. Contact John for more info. Alleghany County is doing a radio spot for HIV Testing Day, and are also developing an HIV training for DSS. 	
Meeting Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of RAC Meeting Purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Taylor-Gray gave an overview of the RAC and explained the purpose of the meeting. 	
Prevention Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dionna Robinson, AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dionna introduced the HIV Prevention Dialogue, reviewed the discussion objectives and provided an overview of the process. (handouts provided) RAC members divided into two small groups and discussed the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the current prevention needs in your community? What services or activities are currently available in your community to reduce HIV transmission? What additional services or activities are needed to reduce HIV transmission? Each small group presented the highlights of their discussion. Notes from the small group discussions are attached to these minutes. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dionna discussed next steps for utilizing the feedback provided by the RAC to plan HIV prevention efforts. 	
HIV Care Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Clark Chief, Center for HIV Care Services AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Clark reviewed the HIV Care Priorities and the Allocation Formula for SY2010 –Western Region (handouts provided). Slides presented were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background Brief Overview of Parts B&D Minority AIDS Initiative Health Services Support HIV Health Services by Region Health Services Support Prioritization of HIV Care Needs Priorities for Use of Part B Funding, Western Region SFY10 Allocation Formula Distribution of Part B Funds The Maryland HIV Services Allocation Formula Regional Allocations of Part B Funds from Allocation Formula SFY10 Allocation Variables-Western Region Public Comments Regarding the Allocation Formula 	
Epidemiology Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Flynn, Chief of the Center for Surveillance and Epidemiology AIDS Administration 	<p>Colin Flynn presented HIV/AIDS in Western Region: An epidemiological Profile. Slides presented were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2007 AIDS Case Report Rates and Estimated Adult AIDS Prevalence Rates Maryland HIV/AIDS Trends Factors Affecting Maryland's Incidence Trends Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence Maryland Regional Advisory Committee Regions Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Region, 12/31/07 HIV/AIDS Trends Western HIV/AIDS Prevalence Western Western HIV/AIDS Prevalence by County, 12/31/07 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV/AIDS Prevalence Rates per 100,000 Population by County, Western , 12/31/07 • Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Gender, Western • HIV Incidence by Gender by Year of Diagnosis, Western • Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Race/Ethnicity, Western • HIV Incidence by Race/Ethnicity by Year of Diagnosis, Western • Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Age, Western • HIV Incidence by Age by Year of Diagnosis, Western • Risk Categories • Percent of Cases with Risk Reported through 12/31/08, by Year of HIV Diagnosis, Western • HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Risk, Western , 12/31/07 • HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Risk across Gender, Western , 12/31/07 • HIV Incidence by Risk by Year of Diagnosis, Western • HIV/AIDS in the Western Region • HIV/AIDS in the Western Region: Demographics • HIV/AIDS in the Western Region: Transmission Risk 	
Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Western RAC meeting will be September 1, 2009 5:00a.m.-7:00p.m. at the Hagerstown Hotel. • Attendance at today's meeting: AIDS Administration staff 7 guests 14. Total 21. 	

Respectfully Submitted, Chelsea Strength



Western Regional Advisory Committee HIV Prevention Dialogue Notes: May 26

What are the current prevention needs in your community?

- No venue for educating gay men—How to reach them? (Allegany)
- ‘Everybody’
- Youth—especially methadone clinics
- Chronically mentally ill
- No mechanism for more rural areas (Where populations are spread out)
- Ethnic groups—Hispanic/Latino, Indian/Pakistani, Chinese—No targeted interventions
- “Just do It” but it’s not time and cost efficient
- Migrant Workers—agricultural, construction—No interventions/programs for migrant populations
- “Poor and Isolated”
- Primary Care Physicians on board and follow up on treatment
- Mentally ill
- **Barriers:**
 - Language
 - Low Self esteem
 - Stigma
 - Denial
 - Mental Illness
 - Depression
 - Disenfranchised
- Universal testing
- Internet
- IV drug use
- Knowledge base for youth
- Short impact messages for youth
- Lack of condom use- especially with the youth, alcohol anonymous programs see that youth are not using condoms
- Populations—women-heterosexual seem to be low risk, but they make one mistake. Lack of self esteem and community support
- CTR; being educated or informed as providers
- Continued education for physicians
- Physicians are concerned about who is going to pay for it
- Foreign immigrants (African, Hispanic)
- Social groups disconnected



What services or activities are currently available in your community to reduce HIV transmission?

- Condoms are available
- Free testing (Oraquick, traditional)
- PHAROAH, Prevention With Positives, SISTA
- Surveillance programming
- Frederick, 2 Community Based Organizations (positive influences Frederick church of the Brethren)
- Foreign language/translator services
- Health Fairs
- Testing at Juvenile detention center
- Counseling and Testing
- Partner Services
- College in-services (Frostburg)
- Family Planning Services
- Better linkages for HIV testing and care—especially in Alleghany County
- Personal connection—phone calls, provide meds
- Jail must come to health department for Counseling and Testing
- Prevention messages at CM and Seropositive clinic visits

What additional services or activities are needed to reduce HIV transmission?

- State needs to do more; give more money to hospitals to do testing; have every college provide testing
- Decide what is the priority
- Barriers; staff shortage
- Universal text to college kids
- Access technology that kids use Twitter, MySpace
- Regional Hotline
- STD testing funds should be increased
- Hepatitis C, Methadone clinics addiction clinics, we need to be testing here.
- Everything seems voluntary when it should be mandatory
- Additional services: mobile van for testing, need orasure back, more oraquick
- Increased funding, more demands with same amount of money
- The link to the gay community
- Use of internet
- Better way to distribute condoms: male and female
- Local television spots
- Free testing
- Transportation
- Testing in smaller communities
- Increasing outreach in smaller communities
- Social workers carrying test kits or home visits
- More advertisement
- More education in the schools
- You never know what you prevented; hard to measure
- Peer educators
- More prevention with positives
- Training for peer educators

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